

# **North Berwick Harbour Trust Association (NBHTA)**

## **Annual General Meeting – Minutes**

**On Wednesday 27 April 2011 at 7.30pm at Council Chambers, North Berwick**

**Present:** Gerry Hughes (Chairman), Jackie Tagg, Bruce Todd, Jane McMinn, Alison Hall, Colin Cumming, David Reid, Stewart Pearson, Dennis Kerr, Ron Robson, Bill Roberts, Derek Braid (Secretary)

**Apologies:**, Ken Burchell, Stewart Auld, Benjie Pearson, Cameron Small

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*Gerry Hughes welcomed the new members Dennis Kerr, Stewart Pearson, Bill Roberts & Ron Robson*

### **1. Minutes of Annual General Meeting 15 March 2010**

**Proposed by Alison Hall and Seconded by Colin Cumming**

#### **2. Report by Chairman**

The storm damage, of March last year, was a major set back in the programme to achieve the transition of the Harbour Area from East Lothian Council ownership into a Trust. Essential works requiring to be dealt with prior to handover are now completed, or well in hand, and it is the intention to begin Legals by May this year. It is therefore anticipated, that the Harbour Area will come under the ownership of North Berwick Harbour Trust within this calendar year. While considerable improvements have been achieved, both on a safety and aesthetic manner, under its joint Management Agreement with ELC, the move to autonomous status will allow us to pursue our vision for the area, and safeguard it for future generations. The patience of the users has been appreciated of late, when the facilities have been compromised. We now look forward to working together with all parties, and enjoying the unique area over the coming season.

#### **3. Membership Retirals and Appointments**

The Secretary reported that Derek Braid and David Lumbard had decided to stand down from the Membership of the NBHTA. The membership had been advised that it was proposed that Bill Roberts should be appointed to the NBHTA and this was agreed by the meeting

#### **4. Approval of Accounts**

Alison Hall, Treasurer, explained that the previous auditor, David Lumbard, had advised at short notice, that he could not audit the accounts. Gerry Hughes had approached William A. Sinclair, Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA), who had agreed to audit the accounts. This was done at a joint meeting of Alison Hall, William Sinclair and Gerry Hughes. William Sinclair has signed off the accounts for 2010 and he has offered to audit the accounts in the future.

Alison handed out copies of the accounts to all the members present, and went through the accounts. The main point was the drop in income in 2010 due to the Storm which had damaged the dinghy park. Alison also explained the figures for Debtors and Creditors.

**The accounts were proposed by Jackie Tagg and Seconded by David Reid.**

Alison will send a copy of the Audited Accounts to East Lothian Council. Gerry offered a vote of thanks to Alison, and especially for the re-arranged audit at short notice.

**4. Election of Office Bearers**

Derek Braid reported that the following nominations had been received:-

Chairman	Gerry Hughes	Proposed by Derek Braid, Seconded by Jackie Tagg
Treasurer	Alison Hall	Proposed by Gerry Hughes, Seconded by Jackie Tagg
Secretary	Bill Roberts	Proposed by Gerry Hughes, Seconded by Derek Braid
Officer	Bruce Todd	Proposed by Gerry Hughes, Seconded by Derek Braid
Officer	Jackie Tagg	Proposed by Gerry Hughes, Seconded by Derek Braid

There were no other nominations therefore the above Office Bearers were elected unopposed.

**5. AOB**

Gerry expressed his thanks to Derek Braid for his work over a number of years, and recalled the early meetings with officials of East Lothian Council in 2005/06 which Gerry, Bruce and Derek attended. Bruce ratified Gerry's words. Gerry advised that Bill Roberts would be an excellent replacement for Derek. Derek advised that he would watch with interest and support the NBHTA and future Trust.

**The meeting closed at 7.50pm**

*(and followed by a normal Full Meeting of the NBHTA)*

*Derek Braid  
27/4/11*